

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 5 have been amended by the addition of one word to, and the deletion of one word from, each claim. Particularly, at the last line of each claim, the word "slots" was deleted, and the word "openings" was added. This change alone addresses and overcomes the Section 112 rejection of Claims 1-3 and 5-7.

Applicant requests that the Section 112 rejection of Claims 9-12 also be withdrawn. Claim 12, as currently written, includes the word "openings" at two places in the claim, the first in line 2 of this claim. The use of the word "openings" at the earlier point in this claim provides the necessary antecedent basis for the use of this same word later in this claim.

At page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner has indicated that except for these now fully addressed Section 112 rejections, "claims 1-3, 5-7 and 9-12 are allowable over art for the reasons given by applicant." Accordingly, allowance of all pending claims (Claims 1-3 and 5-7 and 9-12) is thus requested.

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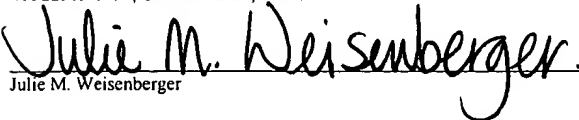
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